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## Thy Ministry

THY ministry—what is it?  
Is it to teach those of tender years  
The ways of the Lord, and the love that  
cheers,  
Which maketh them wise in the heyday  
of youth,  
And to store in their minds the Scriptures  
of truth;  
To point them to Jesus, the children's  
best friend,  
Whose love is changeless and never will  
end;  
To early invite them to seek Jesus' face,  
That their lives may shine to the praise  
of his grace?

Fulfill it.

Thy ministry—what is it?  
Is it to pass on the gospel tract,  
With a loving word, with meekness and  
tact;  
With the printed page the good seed  
to sow,  
As the opportunities come and go;  
To go forth e'en weeping with the  
precious grain,  
Through sunshine bright or through  
storms of rain;  
To abound in the work as the days pass  
along,  
In the light of the glorious harvest song?  
Fulfill it.

—A. Gardner

✿ "To the Law and to the Testimony. If they speak not according to  
this Word, it is because there is no light in them.---Isaiah liii: 20. ✿